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1. Shortly prior to the Cominform rift considerable war materiel, sent by the Soviets from Odessa to Split for transshipment to the Greek Rebels, was seized by the Yugoslav Army. This included 70 tanks since distributed among the Yugoslav forces. Subsequent attempts by Rebel delegates to negotiate with Marshal Tito for a return of these arms have proved to be in vain.
2. The following measures were taken by the Yugoslavs against the Greek Rebels in the recent past:
 - a. Two camps in Bosnia (location unspecified), long used for basic training and as rest centers by the Rebels have been closed.
 - b. All foreign volunteers training in Yugoslavia for eventual incorporation into the Rebel forces have been sent to Greece, but their weapons and supplies were confiscated. Even those not desiring to go to have been forced across the frontier.
 - c. Wounded Rebel soldiers recuperating in Yugoslavia and Rebels inadvertently crossing into Yugoslav territory have not been permitted to return to their respective units.
 - d. Two Rebel radio stations in Yugoslavia have been closed.
3. The only concession still in effect is permission for aircraft, carrying supplies to the Rebels, to fly from Bulgaria over Yugoslav territory.
4. Despite an order issued by the Yugoslav Government in February 1949 to all nationals fighting with the Greek partisans to return immediately to Yugoslavia, approximately 450 Yugoslavs, mostly Cominformists, are still with the Rebel forces.

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